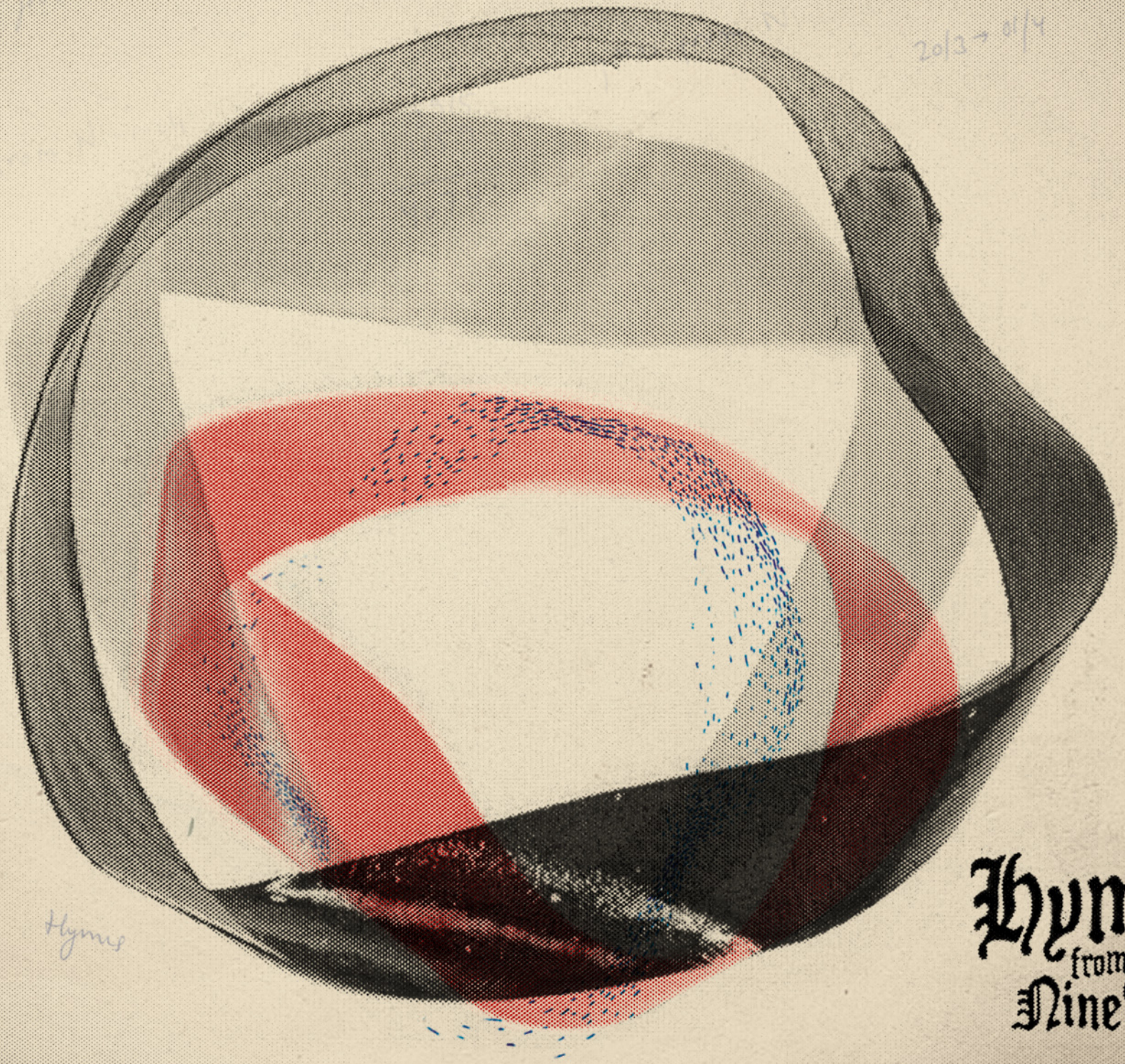

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So Mournful the Elegy, So Comforting the Hymn

An old man said / “live one day at a time / who can add a day to his life by worrying?” / Though we’re young / we’ve seen what worry can do / so embrace the worried songs we sing to you / So mournful the elegy / and so comforting the hymn / we ought to sing / when we lie in our beds / in the quiet hour / we remember what he said / but we’re young / and we’ve seen what worry can do / so embrace the worried hearts we bring to you / So mournful the elegy / and so comforting the hymn.

Aske Bode: Piano / Andreas Brixen: Drums / Caspar Hesselager: Marimba, shaker, tambourine / Christel Voldby Winther: Vocals / David Blomqvist: Double Bass / Frederik von Würden: Clarinet / Jacob Haubjerg: Electric Bass / Jakob Brixen: Vocals, accordion / Jonas H. Petersen: Vocals, acoustic guitar / Katrine Grarup Elbo: Violin / Mads Haahr Andersen: Electric guitar / Mai Kamstrup Mogensen: Flute / Morten Lyngs: Violin / Mikael Kærsgaard: Vocals / Nikolaj Paakjær Mikkelsen: Vocals / Nicole Hogstrand: Cello / Sarah Hepburn: Vocals / Pauline Hogstrand: Viola

Selma

When Selma, the blind and the bold / told the tale of the untold / we could grow old / and as she gets strangled you’re holding my hand / in prayer that we’ll never end / oh no we’ll never end / as a snowflake endures on my tongue / in seconds before it is gone / we’ll be / dew before the sun / See! It’s unnecessary to be afraid / we will join the great parade / and we’ll sing / hallelujah to the King / in a different light we will see / who we were meant to be / until then / we’re just like the sun and the moon / I’ll fade if you’re setting too soon! / Sun and moon! Be still! / Your breath - the most perfect of songs / on hills and in valleys / of longing / we can go / on and on / I’ll sing to your Maker and praise / your wonders and then He will raise / a banner of love / and though I know / that thousands of poets have sung / your beauty / then none of them, none have seen / that you belong with me.

Aske Bode: Piano / Andreas Brixen: Drums / Caspar Hesselager: Tambourine, shaker / Christel Voldby Winter: Vocals / David Blomqvist: Double bass / Jacob Haubjerg: Electric bass / Jakob Brixen: Vocals, Accordion / Jonas H. Petersen: Vocals, guitars / Mads Haahr Andersen: Electric Guitar / Magnus Lindegaard Jochumsen: Percussion / Mikael Kærsgaard: Vocals, acoustic guitar / Nikolaj Paakjær Mikkelsen: Vocals / Sarah Hepburn: Vocals

Hymn For the Lover

I remember when you said / you were full of sparks in your head / Your words were fireworks in me / I saw my fire work in you / I thought your skin was like a veil / concealing hope and fairytales / and your hands were like a map / from where many’ll find their way back / (at least I did).../

Through fire / through water / through death do us / death do us part / Through fire / through water / through death do us / death do us part / You showed me where the swans would nest / you let the silence do the rest / And in that room of pearly white / I saw your darkness and your light! / So when you get lost / then I can find the architecture of your mind / In quiet buildings you belong / and I'll be there to sing this song: / "Through fire / through water / through death do us / death do us part! / Through rainbows / through rainfall / through floodstreams of tears! / Through failure / through absence / through presence of human time! / Through everything / with love / with love! / Through fire / through water / and through death do us / death do us part!"

Frederik von Würden: Klarinet / Jonas H. Petersen: Vocals, guitar / Katrine Grarup Elbo: Violin / Mai Kamstrup Mogensen: Flute / Mikael Kærsgaard: Guitar / Nicole Hogstrand: Cello / Pauline Hogstrand: Viola / Sarah Hepburn: Vocals

Cocoon

I spent the night in the forest / you were shining when I cried / when I cried: / "Oh where is the light?" / I spent all day in my mindscape / you were with me / when I weapt / when I weapt / you watched me when I slept / Skies have grown darker / but stars have grown brighter / and my room / and my room is a safe cocoon! / Streets have gone misty / but peace is upon me when I sing / when I sing: / "Holy is the King!" / and You won't wash away if I fade / and it's OK to break in two / break in two / if I'm breaking into you!

Jonas H. Petersen: Vocals, guitar, cello, piano, keys, banjo, stylophone / Caspar Hesselager: Programming, keys

Eveningsong

When I am weary / then I try to think of the words that you told me / when I said / I was a boy / on a lonely dark fare / in the middle of nowhere / nowhere to turn to / and nowhere to hide / when I have nowhere to hide / then I think of the words that you told me / when I said I was a boy / not a man / who knows what he can / and what he cannot do / 'cause I don't even know who I am / when I don't know who I am / then I think of the words that you told me / when I stepped out of the boat / tried to walk on the waves / but I sank / oh I sank / deeper into the grave of my thought / When I am deep in the grave of my thought / I try to think of the words that you told me / that day in my kitchen / it was flooded by my tears / but dried by your words: / "why are you weary? / I love you more!"

Jonas H. Petersen: Vocal, guitar

Rage.Silence.Love

The rage burned like a fire in Achilles / and when it burns in me / I beg you please / don't be afraid / of my rage / my love / The silence muted Abraham, the true / and when it mutes me too / I beg, I beg you / don't be confused / by my silence / my love / Darkblue skies / can swallow a man completely / so he does / what he doesn't to do / but in rage / and in silence / you complete me / my love.

Jonas H. Petersen: Vocal / Aske Bode: Piano / Signe Hauerberg Damkjær: Trombone

Sister Sorrowsong

Oh dear, I hear / your hope is gone / Oh dear, I hear / your sorrowsong / Oh dear, I hear / your faith is lost. / Oh dear, I hear / you feel like a ghost / Sister Sorrowsong / Sister Sorrowsong / Oh dear, I hear / the sound of your heart like a leaf on a tree / in the eye of the storm! / Oh dear, I hear / your deepest darknesslabyrinth / blindfolded / nowhere to end / Sister Sorrowsong / Sister Sorrowsong / Sister Sorrowsong / We're a legion / we're a million / who love you / Sister Sorrow! / We have seen your light! / We're a legion / We're a million / Who love you / Sister Darkness! / We have seen your light! / We're a legion / we're a million / who love you / Sister Sorrow! / We have seen your light! / Sister Sorrowsong / the world is yours to own! / Sister Sorrowsong / the Kingdom is to come!

Aske Bode: Piano / Caspar Hesselager: Programming, keys, tambourine / Jakob Brixen: Saw / Johannes Dybkjær-Andersson: Electric bass / Jonas H. Petersen: Vocals, guitars / Mikael Kærsgaard: Vocals, guitars / Nikolaj Paakjær Mikkelsen: Vocals, glockenspiel / Rebekka Maria Andersson: Vocals

Daughter of Zion

So says the daughter of Zion / the longing, the wounded, the tired / So says the daughter of Zion / the sighing, the seeing, the shy: / "One is in labour / another woman's womb is closed / One is cured / and one dies before growing old / Oh! Come down while I sleep! / Come like a thief! / Steal this night from my eyes / replace it with daylight! / One finds peace and quiet / One lies sleepless, haunted / One is loved for better / one is ignored for worse / Oh! Come down while I sleep / come like a thief / steal this night from my eyes / replace it with daylight / Oh! Be mercyful! / Come while I sleep! / I don't want to leave / - or be left behind..."

Aske Bode: Keys / Caspar Hesselager: Programming / Christel Voldby Winther: Vocals / Jakob Brixen: Electric guitars / Jonas H. Petersen: Vocals, acoustic guitar, piano, handclaps / Mikael R Andreasen: Vocals, guitars, singing bowl / Nikolaj Paakjær Mikkelsen: Harmonica / Nordvestkvarteret: Fireworks / Plejehjemmet: Weird sounds

Come All Ye!

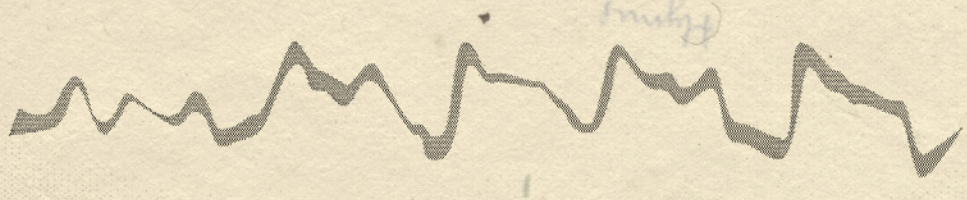
Come all ye who are heavy burdened / Come all ye who are in pain / Come all ye who are heavy burdened / Come all ye who are in pain / - and you may sleep in my gardens / you may stay in my house / even forever and forever / and on and on! / Come all ye who say “we cannot find our way” / Come all ye who say “we’ve survived another day” / Come all ye who are tired and weary / Come all ye who run, trip and fall / - and you may sleep in my gardens / you may stay in my house / even forever and forever / and on and on!

Aske Bode: Keys, organ / Caspar Hesselager: Keys, programming / Jonas H. Petersen: Vocals, guitars / Sarah Hepburn: Vocals, chimes, singing bowl

Drink Deep From the Well

Have we lost our words / for this feeling? / Have we lost our wings / while flying? / Did we see the days / fade away like rain? / Did we see the sun / let down everyone? / Lover! Come here! / Let me whisper / a secret in your ear: / Oh! We could start here: / Drink deep from the well / and immerse our hearts in fire! / And sing new songs together / for our Lord.

Christel Voldby Winther: Vocals / Jacob Brixen: Vocals, accordion / Jonas H. Petersen: Vocals, guitar / Nikolaj Paakjær Mikkelsen: Piano, vocals / Rebekka Maria Andersson: Vocals



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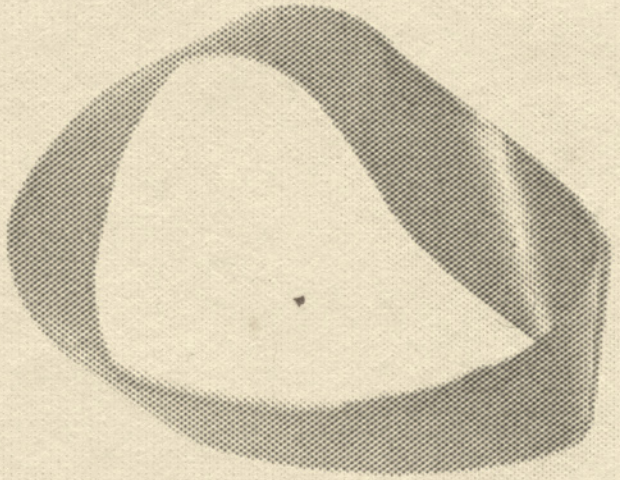
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